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Some of the underdeveloped and developing countries face the problem of over population. Too many mouths to feed and less natural resources on hand can have a devastating effect on the economy. Countries like India and China have large population. In India, population growth has been on a higher scale than what the country’s economy can handle.

The prosperity of a nation depends upon the standard of living of its people. Developed countries, such as the US with less population provide a better standard of living for their people. The Americans have good food to eat, enjoy a luxurious living as compared to the people belonging to South-East Asia. What are the disadvantages of over population one may ask?

**Disadvantages of over population**

1. More mouths to feed.
2. Lower standard of living.
3. Poverty.
4. Overcrowded cities.
5. Sickness and spreading of diseases.
6. Insufficient natural resources to provide adequate goods and services.
7. Inadequate facilities, such as housing, medical etc.
8. Problem of starvation and malnourished population.
9. Education facilities may not meet the requirements of the entire population.
10. Unemployment.
11. Higher crime rate due to unequal distribution of wealth and insufficient financial resources.
12. Environmental pollution. Trees are felled to make space for housing facilities.
13. Agricultural production is insufficient to meet the requirements of the entire population, which results in higher prices.
14. Money is diverted to ensure that the population is fed, rather then carrying out fundamental research.
15. Lower life expectancy.
16. People living in rural areas are not provided with employment opportunities.
17. Large number of people lives in unhygienic conditions.
18. Birth rate is high.
19. Due to lack of proper medical facilities death is also very high. People succumb to various diseases.
20. Child labor is common. To sustain themselves families force their children to work, rather than send them to school.

*Overpopulation is a curse to the society’s overall growth. Several countries facing this problem are trying to control their population growth. India, for example, has been introducing family planning programs to curtail the growth of its population.*